

PATENT APPLICATION

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111
U.S. Application No. 09/987,372

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 14 are presently pending in the application. The Examiner is thanked for noting the allowable subject matter of the instant invention.

I. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

In the instant Office Action, the Examiner requests that document JP 60-111568 be filed in an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS). Applicant respectfully responds that document JP 60-111568 was filed in an IDS on November 14, 2001, with a statement of relevance disclosing that U.S. counterpart (U.S.P. No. 4,922,103) corresponds to the named Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication. Accordingly, Applicant requests that JP 60-111568 be fully considered or acknowledged as cumulative.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ITEMS

In the Office Action dated November 20, 2003, the Examiner rejects claims 1 - 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. The Examiner also indicates that claims 1 - 6 would be allowed if the § 112 rejection were to be overcome. More precisely, the Examiner finds the claim language "of the Nyquist frequency" to be unclear, but that if corrected, all claims would be allowable.

Accordingly, Applicant herein amends as requested by the Examiner. Additionally, Applicant presents new claims 7 - 14, which include recitations of the MTF and the Nyquist

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frequency found to be allowable as noted by the Examiner in the Office Action of November 20, 2003. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that this application now be passed to issue.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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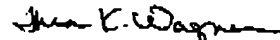
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